

In re Application of:  
Richard M. Peterson, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/054,744  
Filed: November 13, 2001  
Confirmation No.: 3562  
Title: Process for Producing Smoking Articles with  
Reduced Ignition Proclivity Characteristics  
And Products Made According to Same

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Sir:

The following completes the filing of the above-identified patent application under Rule 52, 53, and/or 85:

- ☒ Rule 53 signed Declaration enclosed.  
☐ This is a Rule 47 filing per attached Petition.  
☐ Enclosed: Original signed Declaration with attached specification (including claims) which is a copy of specification/claims originally filed to secure above filing date.  
☐ Specification originally filed in non-English language; hence verified translation attached of:  
☐ Abstract ☐ pages of Specification (only spec. & claims) ☐ Drawing Figs.  
☐ sheet(s) of formal drawings enclosed: size: ☐ A4 ☐ 14" ☐ 8½ by 11  
☒ Attached is an assignment to Schweitzer-Mauduit International, Inc.  
☐ Priority is hereby claimed under rule 55 and 35 U.S.C. 119 based on prior foreign application(s) no(s).  
\_\_\_\_\_, filed in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, respectively.  
Certified copy (copies) ☐ attached; ☐ already filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in U.S. Application, Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ "Small Entity" status under Rules 9 & 27 claimed. ☐ Attached: \_\_\_\_\_ Verified Statement(s) establishing "small entity."  
☒ Attached is the request return copy of the PTO Notice under Rule 52, 53, and/or 85.  
☐ Attached: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Preliminary Amendment: \_\_\_\_\_

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PER MPEP § 506 AND § 607**

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Since PTO Notice under Rule 52, 53, and/or 85 set an original due date of April 14, 2002, petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month \$110; 2 months \$400; 3 months \$920; 4 months \$1440). \$ 0.00

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$522.
  - \$522 for 29 total claims over 20.
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1392.

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